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Estimated Carloads of Perishable and Semi-perishable Domestically Produced Commodities
That Normally Move in Refrigerator Cars, by Months for 1945, 1946 and 1947 /1

April, 1947

	Beverages /2	Margarine and butterine /3	Fresh fruits & vegetables /4	Meats /5	Butter /3	Cheese /3	Eggs /3	Poultry dressed /3	Canned milk	Canned food stuffs /6	Total
Estimated cars, May 1947	19,555	314	79,562	23,324	1,579	1,440	4,051	1,333	6,574	31,950	168,682
Number cars shipped May 1946	17,085	314	86,363	20,911	1,263	1,431	4,011	1,418	6,567	30,050	169,413
Percentage increase or decrease	14.5	0.0	-7.9	11.5	25.0	0.6	1.0	-6.0	0.1	6.3	-0.4
Estimated cars, June 1947	19,796	237	85,831	29,417	1,836	1,696	3,831	1,401	7,670	36,040	187,755
Number cars shipped June 1946	17,214	230	90,077	18,402	1,463	1,605	3,666	1,467	7,670	33,968	175,762
Percentage increase or decrease	15.0	3.0	-4.7	59.8	25.5	5.7	4.5	-4.5	0.0	6.1	6.8
Estimated cars, July 1947	20,852	240	83,165	21,220	2,582	2,278	2,804	1,575	7,213	33,900	175,829
Number cars shipped, July 1946	18,956	231	85,270	24,998	2,152	2,170	3,048	1,658	7,593	33,684	179,760
Percentage increase or decrease	10.0	3.9	-2.5	-15.1	20.0	5.0	-8.0	-5.0	-5.0	0.6	-2.2
Estimated cars, August 1946	20,923	522	73,416	31,258	2,386	2,118	4,282	2,423	6,479	35,660	179,467
Estimated cars, August 1945	21,982	551	72,308	31,449	2,763	2,540	4,649	2,347	7,354	33,484	179,427
Percentage increase or decrease	-4.8	-5.3	1.5	-0.6	-13.6	-16.6	-7.9	3.2	-11.9	6.5	0.0
Estimated cars, September 1946	22,989	380	80,465	19,508	1,967	2,054	3,664	2,700	5,475	39,841	179,043
Estimated cars, September 1945	21,492	380	87,876	29,247	1,880	2,542	3,843	2,635	5,824	36,186	191,905
Percentage increase or decrease	7.0	0.0	-8.4	-33.3	4.6	-19.2	-4.7	2.5	-6.0	10.1	-6.7
Estimated cars, October 1946	23,426	641	93,785	27,710	1,785	1,917	4,303	3,747	4,398	43,953	205,665
Estimated cars, October 1945	24,334	590	100,741	30,201	1,635	1,860	3,485	3,569	4,664	42,952	214,031
Percentage increase or decrease	-3.7	8.6	-6.9	-8.2	9.2	3.1	23.5	5.0	-5.7	2.3	-3.9
Estimated cars, November 1946	22,206	424	73,612	34,939	1,774	1,542	3,959	5,182	4,175	46,576	194,380
Estimated cars, November 1945	23,100	390	81,735	35,668	1,695	1,846	3,165	4,959	4,474	44,200	201,232
Percentage increase or decrease	-3.8	8.7	-9.9	-2.0	4.7	-16.5	25.1	4.5	-6.7	5.4	-3.4

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Estimated cars, December 1946	22,617	410	32,791	1,808	1,292	2,923	4,856	4,468	41,381	184,977
Estimated cars, December 1945	23,807	377	35,338	1,623	1,643	2,669	4,845	4,411	40,570	189,896
Percentage increase or decrease	-5.0	8.8	-7.2	11.4	-21.4	9.5	0.2	1.3	2.0	-2.6
Estimated cars, January 1947	20,801	331	34,685	2,158	2,280	2,830	2,678	4,972	38,352	186,272
Number cars shipped, January 1946	21,221	343	28,758	1,542	1,819	3,011	2,880	4,721	37,600	185,811
Percentage increase or decrease	-2.0	-3.5	20.6	39.9	25.3	-6.0	-7.0	5.3	2.0	0.2
Estimated cars, February 1947	19,815	347	25,417	1,784	2,039	2,601	1,506	4,281	36,702	164,094
Number cars shipped February 1946	20,858	274	28,171	1,294	1,520	2,738	1,585	4,391	35,473	170,228
Percentage increase or decrease	-5.0	26.6	-9.8	37.9	34.1	-5.0	-5.0	-2.5	3.5	-3.6
Estimated cars, March 1947	20,479	339	32,762	1,698	2,340	3,222	1,345	5,193	35,139	186,917
Number cars shipped March 1946	20,330	334	27,758	1,209	1,658	3,464	1,416	5,299	34,116	181,734
Percentage increase or decrease	0.7	1.5	18.0	40.4	41.1	-7.0	-5.0	-2.0	3.0	2.8
Estimated cars, April 1947	20,600	260	28,179	1,820	1,722	4,021	1,680	6,532	35,940	185,507
Number cars shipped April 1946	18,655	268	23,047	1,399	1,701	4,233	1,768	6,665	34,106	182,049
Percentage increase or decrease	10.4	-3.0	22.3	30.1	1.2	-5.0	-5.0	-2.0	5.4	1.9

/1 For certain commodities, particularly bottled and canned beer and canned foodstuffs, the use of refrigerator cars is essential only during those months when protection from the cold is required.

/2 ICC Statement No. M-500 carloads originated less 5 percent is the estimate for the first 7 months of 1946.

/3 ICC Statement No. M-500 carloads originated are used in the first 7 months of 1946.

/4 Fruit and Vegetable Branch, Production and Marketing Administration. April, May, June and July 1947 are estimates; all other figures are actual shipments. Approximately 1.5% of all fresh fruits and vegetables are frozen; frozen foods and watermelons not included in these shipments.

/5 For the first 7 months of 1946, this figure is the sum of ICC classification 210, 220 and 22 2 carloads originated less canned meats. Five months of 1945, 5 months of 1946, and January through July 1947 are estimates on the same basis.

/6 The first 7 months of 1946 this figure is ICC classification 680, carloads originated plus canned meats but less canned milk. Five months of 1945, 5 months of 1946 and January through July 1947 are estimates of the same movement.

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